

6. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 1 additionally comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding chicken anemia virus protein VP2.

7. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 6 additionally comprising a modified translation initiation site directly upstream the ATG-initiation codon of the nucleic acid molecule encoding chicken anemia virus protein VP2, wherein said translation initiation site comprises the nucleic acid sequence GCCAAC.

8. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 1 which is a viral vector.

9. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 8 wherein said viral vector is replication defective.

10. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 9 wherein said viral vector is an adenoviral vector.

11. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 9 wherein said viral vector is a retroviral vector.

12. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 6 which additionally comprises at least one target molecule.

13. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 12 wherein the target molecule is reactive with a tumor cell surface receptor.

14. A host cell comprising a gene delivery vehicle according to claim 13.

15. (Amended) The host cell according to claim 14 which is a helper or packaging cell.

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16. (Amended) The host cell according to claim 14 which is selected from the group of HEK-293, HER-911, PER-C6, Psi-2, and PA-317 cells.

Sub 22
22. (New) A method for inducing apoptosis in a mammalian tumor by administering the gene delivery vehicle of claim 1 to a mammal.

23. (New) The method for inducing apoptosis in a mammalian cell according to claim 22, wherein said gene delivery vehicle is directly administrated to said tumor.

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24. (New) The method for inducing apoptosis in a mammalian cell according to claim 22, further comprising administering chemotherapy to said mammal.

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25. (New) A method for inducing apoptosis in a mammalian tumor by administering the gene delivery vehicle of claim 6 to a mammal.

26. (New) The method for inducing apoptosis in a mammalian cell according to claim 25, wherein said gene delivery vehicle is directly administrated to said tumor.

27. (New) The method for inducing apoptosis in a mammalian cell according to claim 25, further comprising administering chemotherapy to said mammal.
